

Board of Education Agenda Item

Item: E.

Date: July 26, 2006

Topic: First Review of Proposed Additions and Deletions to the Board-Approved List of Supplemental Educational Services Providers Under the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*

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Origin:

☐ Topic presented for information only (no board action required)

☒ Board review required by
☒ State or federal law or regulation
☐ Board of Education regulation
☐ Other: _____

☒ Action requested at this meeting ☐ Action requested at future meeting: _____ (date)

Previous Review/Action:

☐ No previous board review/action
☒ Previous review/action
date April 26, 2006
action Revised list of Supplemental Educational Services Providers

Background Information: The *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* (NCLB) requires Title I schools that do not meet the state's adequate yearly progress (AYP) targets for three consecutive years in the same subject area to offer a choice of supplemental educational services to parents of eligible children. These services must be offered to eligible students until the identified schools exit Title I School Improvement.

The *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* requires states to identify and maintain a list of supplemental educational services providers. Supplemental educational services are tutoring and academic enrichment services that are provided in addition to daily instruction outside of the regular school day. A supplemental educational services provider can be a non-profit entity, a for-profit agency, or another school division. The services must be of high quality, research-based, and specifically designed to increase the academic achievement of eligible children in mastering the English and Mathematics Standards of Learning and in achieving proficiency on Standards of Learning tests. NCLB requires that states maintain an approved list of supplemental educational services providers across the state and by school division from which parents can select.

Summary of Major Elements: On July 25, 2002, the Board of Education adopted the NCLB criteria for the approval of supplemental educational services providers. The criteria specified that providers:

- demonstrate the ability to provide parents and the local education agency (LEA) with information on the progress of children in a format and language that parents can understand;
- document a track record of effectiveness;
- ensure that the instruction provided and the content used are consistent with the instruction and content used by the LEA and are aligned with the state's student academic achievement standards;
- meet all federal, state, and local health and safety and civil rights laws;
- ensure that all instruction and content are neutral and non-ideological; and
- offer services within a financially sound management structure.

The department has received applications from potential supplemental educational services providers in response to the Request for Proposals (RFP). At its September 2002 meeting, the Board of Education approved the initial list of recommended supplemental educational services providers and recommended revisions to the list in subsequent meetings. Subsequent revisions to the initial list have been made on a regular basis. As shown below, the department recommends adding four providers to Virginia's board-approved list, and deleting one at the provider's request. Provider contact information is attached.

Proposed Providers Added

PROVIDER	FOCUS AREA AND GRADE LEVEL	SERVICE AREA
A to Z In-Home Tutoring	Reading/Language Arts (K-12) Mathematics (6-12)	All Divisions
Catapult Online	Reading/Language Arts (6-12) Mathematics (K-5)	Serving 101 Divisions. See complete list at http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/nclb/boe/supsrvcs-list.pdf
Tsquared Tutors, LLC	Reading/Language Arts (6-12)	All Divisions
uKnow	Reading/Language Arts (6-12)	All Divisions

Proposed Provider Deleted from List Upon Its Request

PROVIDER	DELETION REASON	REQUEST MADE
PLATO Learning, Inc.	No longer providing SES services	May 2006

Superintendent's Recommendation: The Superintendent of Public Instruction recommends that the Board of Education waive first review and approve the revised list of supplemental educational services providers.

Impact on Resources: School divisions with identified Title I schools in School Improvement are required to set aside an amount equal to 20 percent of the local educational agency's Title I, Part A, allocation for the provision of supplemental educational services and other Title I School Improvement requirements, as appropriate.

The provisions of the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* have an impact on the agency's staff resources. This impact can be absorbed through the agency's existing resources at this time. If the agency is required to assume additional duties related to review and approval of supplemental educational services

providers, other services will be impacted.

Timetable for Further Review/Action: The solicitation and review of potential supplemental educational services providers are ongoing.

PROPOSED ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES PROVIDERS

Recommended: July 26, 2006

Providers Added

Name of Provider	Contact Information	Focus and Grade Levels	Provider Service Areas
A to Z In-Home Tutoring	Scott M. Hines 1300 Division Street Suite 306 Nashville, Tennessee 37203 Phone (615) 613-0156 Fax (615) 613-0160 E-mail: Scott.hines@atoztutoring.com Web site: www.atoztutoring.com	Reading/Language Arts (K-12) Mathematics (6-12)	All Divisions
Catapult Online	Greg Levin 101 Fleet Street Baltimore, Maryland 21202 Phone (410) 843-6646 Fax: (410) 843-6667 E-mail: Gregg.Levin@educate.com Web site: www.CatapultOnline.com	Reading/Language Arts (6-12) Mathematics (K-5)	Serving 101 Divisions. See complete list at http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/nclb/boe/supsvcs-list.pdf
Tsquared Tutors, LLC	Thomas L. Tucker 1700 Verna Drive Richmond, Virginia 33634 Phone: (804) 262-8923 Fax: (804) 262-9816 E-mail: Thomasl.tucker@comcast.net Web site: www.tsquaredtutors.com	Reading/Language Arts (6-12)	All Divisions
uKnow	Paul Brunson 1301 Connecticut Avenue, NW Suite 800 Washington, DC 20036 Phone: (202) 293-2332 Fax: (202) 293-8457 E-mail: tenumah@u-know.com Web site: www.u-know.com	Reading/Language Arts (6-12)	All Divisions

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